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HERRING AT THE MAGDALENS.

Annual Spring Rush of Fishing Vessels Has Begun.

The annual spring rush of fishing vessels for the Magdalen Islands for fresh herring baitings and salt herring cargoes, has begun. Advices from Port Hawkesbury, C. B., state that the wind Monday was southwest and that there is little ice left in the Strait of Canso and it is believed there will be no more in that narrow, but important thoroughfare this spring.

In port at Hawkesbury, on Monday, all ready to start for the Magdalens, were the fresh halibuting sch. Mo-ween of Duxbury, the salt banker Orinoco of this port, the Nova Scotia bankers Warren C. Walters, Alhambra, Nellie, Yukon, Aguadilla, Oregon, Henry L. Montague, Alma Nelson and Hawanee, also the Bucksport sch. Arthur V. S. Woodruff, the latter bound to the islands for a salt herring cargo.

On Monday, the Boston halibuting sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, Capt. Stephen Black, sailed from Mulgrave, N. S., bound for the Magdalens for her baiting, as also did the halibuting sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert B. Porper, and the salt banker Corona, Capt. Horace Wilde, both of this port. Beside these craft to sail was the Nova Scotia sch. Beatrice S. Mack and behind them were strung out a big fleet of 20 sail of fishing craft, all bound for the same destination for the same object. At Mulgrave, Monday, and ready to sail, were the Nova Scotia bankers Edith Marguerite, Uncle Sam and Elsie M. Walters.

While the above good sized fleet has been holding off at Mulgrave and Hawkesbury waiting for the ice to go out, a still larger fleet of American and Nova Scotia fishing vessels has been in harbor at Canso, N. S., all awaiting the ice movement from the straits, and all bound to the Magdalens for their baiting. Among the crafts there on Monday were the salt bankers Athlete, Blanche, Theodore Roosevelt, Arcadia and Claudia, and the fresh halibuter Agnes of this port, also a big fleet of Nova Scotia bankers, including schs. Hiawatha, Maderia, Earl Gray, Hazel L. Ritchey, Muriel M. Young, Palatia, Juniata, Romo, Parama, Vivian B. Walters, Defender, J. A. McLane, Warren G. Winters, Lila D. Young Moran, Calavera, Alhambra, Earl V. S., Ambition, Lucania, Russell H. Pentz and Uranus. All this big fleet are reported as starting out Monday for the Magdalens.

The herring are always at the islands by the time the fleet is able to reach there, and things are very lively while the crafts are getting their first baiting. As soon as the first is fished up, the crafts will go back for another and sometimes a third.

As far as can be learned, the American bankers have done fairly well as a whole on their home, or frozen baitings, and some of them have been hung up for quite a little while now waiting for the chance to get fresh bait. Naturally their captains and crews are anxious to get it and get away for the fishing grounds again at the earliest possible moment, for time, just now, with the ice just leaving the grounds, means good fishing, so there will be some tall tearing around at the Magdalens when the whole big fleet strikes there.

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Repairing at North Sydney.

The ocean-going steel tug James Reid, arrived at North Sydney, C. B., Monday morning from Point Tupper with sch. Georgie Campbell of this port in tow. The Campbell left here on March 8 and has 100,000 pounds of fish on board. Her bottom has been damaged considerably as the result of her being driven ashore, by the ice recently at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., and she is making considerable water. She was taken on the marine railway Monday for repairs.

Harbor Notes.

The new sch. Georgia, Capt. Cahoon, will take ice today for her seining trip. Capt. Cahoon will go down around Montauk and Block Island way.

Sch. Morning Star, Capt. Freeman H. Decker, is here from Boston to haul out of haddock and fit for mackerel seining.

Capt. Gilbert Gallant is getting the little sch. Mertis H. Perry ready for a Cape Shore mackerel seining trip.

Capt. Christopher Carrigan is fitting sch. Gladiator for a Cape Shore seining trip.

The Portsmouth brick barge Greenland is in port today.

Schs. Georgianna and Conqueror of the seining fleet, are all ready to sail and will probably get away today, as will the gasoline auxiliary seiner Shenandoah. Sch. Muriel is pretty near ready, and will soon go.

Capt. S. Campbell Peart is here from Guysboro, N. S.

Sch. Mary E. Harty is having her engine repaired and will get away tonight or tomorrow for the south seining grounds.

Sch. Catherine G. Burke is all ready to sail fresh halibuting under command of Capt. John Olson.

The netting sch. Mabel E. Leavitt sailed south Tuesday. Schs. Hobo and Freedom have gone today, and sch. Florida will probably get away some time today.

Sch. Gladiator is on Parkhurst's railways.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Mary Emerson, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Lydia F., shore, 1000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 1000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Independence, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Morning Star, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Georgianna, seining.

Sch. Terra Nova, seining.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining.

Sch. Conqueror, seining.

Sch. Muriel, seining.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Rose Standish, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, haddocking.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining.

Sch. Margie Smith, Rips.

Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges.

Sch. Hockmoeck, south netting.

Sch. Freedom, south netting.

Sch. Florida, south netting.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt. medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.

Bank halibut, 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.

Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt., medium \$2.50, snappers \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers \$1.

Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Preceptor and S. P. Willard were at Liverpool, N. S., on Monday and cleared the same day.

Sch. Carrie L. Hirtle of Lunenburg, N. S., arrived at her home port on Monday from Halifax with 300 quintals codfish obtained on the Grand Banks.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson is at Boston taking stores for a mackerel seining trip.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 15,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 14,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Peter Brothers, 2300 haddock.

Sch. Eugenia, 20,000 cod, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Minerva, 700 cod, 200 hake.

Sch. Lena May, 4500 haddock, 500 cod.

Steamer Bryda F., 8000 pollock.

Sch. James and Esther, 1000 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Sch. Motor, 6000 haddock, 400 cod, 500 hake.

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Sch. Liberty, 1800 haddock, 600 cod.

Steamer Quartette, 16,000 pollock.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 15,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Metamora, 16,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 15,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 6000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Louisa R. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2200 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Edith J. Silveira, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Arbitrator, 10,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Nettie, 1500 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 3000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Matiana, 8500 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Mary F. Fallon, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Nokomis.

Sch. Leo.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1000 cod.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$1.75; pollock, \$1.10; cusk, \$1.

Portland Fishing Notes.

The fishing schooners Tecumseh and Mary Edith put in at Portland Tuesday for a harbor, both with good fares on board. They have been at Boothbay for fresh bait and will make one more setting before going to Gloucester with their fares.

The only fish landed here Tuesday were from a few of the small boats, but larger receipts are expected today.

Sch. Albert D. Willard took on her shortened masts at Long wharf Tuesday, and after making other repairs will fit out for summer fishing.

Herring from Essex.

Capt. William McDonald, the bait man, had 26 barrels of alewives from Essex Tuesday, and 46 barrels yesterday. None came down this morning.

Capt. Levi Nickerson, formerly of this city, now of Great Point, Nantucket, writes the Times that there are plenty of half sized herring and squid being taken there, and no vessels to bait, and that the traps are turning away from 50 to 100 barrels a day. This is unusually early to hear of squid being taken in these waters.

RE-OPEN FISH HOUSE.

John Nagle & Co. have re-opened their wholesale fish house on Central wharf Newburyport for the summer.

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FRENCH FISHING CRAFT LOST.

Crew Were Saved and Landed at St. Pierre, Miquelon.

The first of the season's disasters to the French fishing fleet on the Grand Bank has already happened. One brigantine has gone down but fortunately her crew are safe.

A dispatch from St. Pierre, Miquelon, says that the crew of 36 men of the French bank fishing brigantine Turenne, arrived there Sunday on the brigantine Annais, bringing news of the sinking of their craft while anchored on the Grand Banks on Tuesday. The leak, the origin of which none of the men could state, caused the sinking. The brigantine Turenne was owned at Port Decamp by Har-cher & Sons. She was of 391 tons and of wooden constructions.

PRICES RULE LOW.

Usual Friday Slump on Fresh Fish at Boston.

Seventeen of the fresh fishing fleet are at Boston today, all with very ordinary fares, and being Friday, the market, as expected, is off.

The only off shore craft is sch. Josie and Phebe with 52,000 pounds and the leading shore fisherman in is sch. Richard J. Nunan with 45,000 pounds, mostly hake and cusk.

Sch. Emelia Enos, William A. Morse, Annie Perry and Matchless of the Provincetown fleet, all have good catches.

The prices when the bell rang were \$1.65 for off shore haddock and \$2.75 for shores, \$2.30 to \$2.75 for large cod and \$1.50 for market cod, 75 cts. to \$2 for hake, \$1 for cusk and \$1.25 for pollock.

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NETTERS AT NEW YORK

AND NEWPORT.

Boats Finding Mackerel
in Close Proximity to
Market.

Capt. Frank Nolan of sch. Actor is certainly driving things. He was at New York on Monday with 300 fresh mackerel, the first netting trip of the season, and this morning he is again at Fulton Market, with a splendid fare of 1800 large fresh mackerel.

Fresh mackerel brought 50 cents apiece there yesterday, and at this rate the Actor is in for a big stock.

The netter Robert C. Harris, Capt. Parkman G. Hodgdon, is also at Fulton Market this morning with 500 large fresh mackerel.

A few fish are also there, shipped from Atlantic City.

Sch. Louise, a netter, which shipped three barrels of fresh mackerel to New York yesterday, got her fish off Edgartown.

One netter took 28 mackerel off Hyannis Wednesday and shipped them to Boston yesterday.

FIVE NETTERS AT NEWPORT.

Sloop Dart Landed Third and Others
Second Trips.

The netters off Newport are certainly making quick trips, for many of those that were in yesterday with mackerel fares are in again today, showing that they cannot be fishing too far off from their market place. Our correspondent wires us the following arrivals this morning:

Sloop Active, 50 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Pearl, 100 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Alice, 80 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Betsy Ross, 90 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Dart, 120 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Olga, 100 large fresh mackerel.

This is the third trip for the Dart in as many days.

Our correspondent also reports that the seiners Saladin, Pontiac, Pinta, Dauntless, Grayling, Natalie J. Nelson, Terra Nova, Fannie E. Prescott, and Indianna are in there today for harbor and that the wind is blowing northeast.

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300,000,000 FLOUNDERS.

Federal Commission Plants Them on
This Coast.

The flounder industry promises splendidly along the Massachusetts coast, and indeed, all the way from Martha's Vineyard to Kittery, Me., according to United States Fish Commissioner George Bowers. He is planting 300,000,000 flounders in Massachusetts shore waters this season, just as an evidence of good faith, and this is only a starter.

"The Greeks, fishing with trawls along the Massachusetts coast," said Mr. Bowers today, "have stirred up the flounders, and pulled in large quantities of them, which are of great commercial value in the aggregate. The filet de sole that comes from France is accounted such a fine dish is nothing in the world but our flounder. The imports of the French sole are very large.

This is also the season when Mr. Bowers is getting ready to plant lobsters by the millions off the New England coast. The catch of egg-bearing crustaceans, he says, is unusually promising. The commissioner regards this as especially gratifying because he contends that the abundance of lobsters of the New England coast last year was due to the planting that the United States commissioner began about five years ago. The fish commissioner of Maine does not agree with Mr. Bowers on this point, holding that the supply has been replenished by the preservation of the egg-bearing species.

The lobster operations at the Boothbay harbor station will be conducted on a lower scale this year than ever. Mr. Bowers wants the waters of the North Atlantic to swarm with that toothsome species, and expects the work of the commission to contribute to that end.

Provincetown Schooner Ashore.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, of Provincetown, in rounding the end of Cape Cod yesterday, went ashore on Race Point. Assistance was sent from Provincetown and as the craft was resting easily, it was expected that she would be floated without damage at high water today.

Newburyport Fish Receipts.

Three Rockport fishing boats, the Margaret, Jessie P., and Scud, landed 5000 pounds of steak cod yesterday at Newburyport which they disposed of at the Consumers' Fresh Fish Co. Local parties landed 1200 pounds at the wharf of the same company.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Trawl fishing, which has been so extensively introduced on Japanese coasts, may be curtailed. Vice-Consul-General E. G. Babbitt sends a newspaper article from Yokohama which states that the Japanese fishery conference at Tokyo passed a resolution in favor of the prohibition of steam trawlers.

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Sch. Eugenia, via Boston.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Margaret, halibuting.

Sch. Margaria, (new), south seining.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Catherine Burke, halibuting.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

The Provincetown schs. Monitor and Gladstone are soon to be fitted for salt bank dory handline trips. Sch. American is now at Boston fitting out.

Sch. Madonna was at Shelburne, N. S., on Tuesday and cleared.

Capt. James Jewett of this port will take command of the fishing sloop Olympia, owned by William C. Williams of Kittery Point and lately out of commission. Capt. Jewett has recently sold his sch. Grace E. Freeman to Capt. Thomas Frost.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. M. Madeleine, Capt. Roland Brewer, is here to fit for south mackerel netting.

Sch. Herbert is on Burnham's railways.

Schs. Lucy B. Winsor and M. Madeleine are on the Rocky Neck railways.

The new sch. Georgia, Capt. Frank Cahoon, sailed on her maiden trip, south seining, yesterday afternoon.

There is but one arrival at this port today, sch. Frances P. Mesquita coming down from Boston with 15,000 pounds of fresh fish to go to the splitters.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 500 haddock, 4000 cod, 30,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Almeida, 8000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 500 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Two Sisters.

Sch. Rose Standish, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Emelia Enos, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 7000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Annie Perry, 15,000 haddock, 7500 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 20,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 1700 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Josie and Phebe, 24,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Oriole, 1000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 6500 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Valentinna, 4500 haddock, 2400 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 4000 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 9000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1.65 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.30 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.50; hake, 75 cts. to \$2; cusk, \$1; pollock, \$1.25.

Portland Fishing Notes.

About 40,000 pounds of mixed fish were landed at Portland Wednesday, mostly by the small boats.

Sch. Fanny Hayden had 4000 pounds, sloop Azorean 4000 pounds and sloop Hobson 2000 pounds.

The new fishing schooner Topsail Girl, recently launched at East Boothbay, came to Portland Wednesday afternoon under her own sail and docked at Commercial wharf, where she attracted considerable attention. Quite a party of friends of Capt. Doggett, the skipper, were on board and enjoyed the trip up immensely. The new craft is built in the most substantial manner and is fitted and furnished in the best shape, no expense having been spared in her construction, with the object of having her fully equal to best products of the Essex yards. She will leave in about three weeks to engage in sword fishing and will carry a crew of 12 men.

Provincetown Fishing Notes.

Sloops Dart, Active, Golden Eagle, Leah C. and Pearl sailed South Monday to engage in mackerel dragging. Others to follow in a few days are Vesta, Briganza, Crescent, Rattler, L. P. Foster, Bessie, Perseverance, Magnolia, Louie Warren, Torpedo, Commodore, Malicia Enos, Nancy, Little Jennie and Florence.

Capt. John G. Silva of New Bedford has purchased sloop Arthur Drummond from Capt. Jackson R. Williams.

Capt. William Miller of the sloop Golden Eagle left for Newport, May 2. Capt. William O'Neil of sloop Vesta left for Newport Tuesday.

Sch. Rose Dorothea met with loss of main gaff last week and torn mainsail.

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HERRING FROM
BAY OF ISLANDS.Sch. Alice R. Lawson Brings
1140 Barrels.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Capt. Charles Rudolph, arrived here this morning, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 1140 barrels of barrelled salt herring for Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The vessel has been gone but three weeks on the trip.

Capt. Rudolph reports being nine days on the passage home and eight days going down, securing his load in four days. He reports herring plenty and had no difficulty in securing his cargo in short order.

The trip is an unusual one, as it is seldom if ever that a Gloucester craft has gone to Bay of Islands in the spring of the year for a fare of salt herring. It is understood that the market is pretty bare of these kind of goods and that the demand is good.

North Sydney, C. B., Fishing Notes.

The Newfoundland fishing schooner Helen Vair, Capt. Rose, was in port for bait and supplies on Wednesday. She has 100 quintals of fish on board.

The French fishing schooner La Tour Dagona took in 35 barrels of herring bait Tuesday and cleared for the banks.

Sch. Linda Tibbo, which has been in port several days taking in bait, cleared Tuesday for the banks. Her catch so far this season amounts to 200 quintals. Good catches of spring herring were made Tuesday by local fishermen, who find a ready market for their catch among the fishing schooners in port. One vessel Tuesday took 35 barrels at \$2.25 per barrel.

The French fishing schooner Xenophon is at Dominion wharf having a new topmast put in place. A squall of wind carried away the old one. The Xenophon's catch for the season so far is 400 quintals.

Steamer Bruce arrived at Port Aux-Basque at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with 80 passengers. She passed through a good deal of loose ice on the way up, principally along the Cape Breton coast.